

## **Regional Informational Events—Iowa's Race to the Top Application**

*Learn how to become eligible to receive extra funding to implement the Iowa Core and support education reform in Iowa!*

### **Intended Audience**

District teams consisting of superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers' association presidents.

### **Purpose**

Iowa is applying for a major federal grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top (RTTT) program. School districts in Iowa can be a partner in this process, and make themselves eligible to receive funding through this grant program by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Iowa Department of Education prior to 4:30 p.m. on January 14. The competition for this grant will be strong and Iowa's application will be most competitive if a significant number of school districts commit to taking part in the program.

While there must be at least one signature on the MOU for districts, the U.S. Department of Education would prefer to see at least three signatures—the school board president, the superintendent, and the president of the local teachers association. Thus, our application will be strongest if all three stakeholders in each district sign the MOU.

To explain the process and answer questions, the Iowa Department of Education will be presenting regional informational events around Iowa beginning Monday, January 4, 2010. At these events, which will be hosted by the area education agencies (AEAs), school district leaders will have an opportunity to review Iowa's plan to meet the RTTT application criteria, discuss the MOU, and gather whatever information they will need to make a local decision about whether to participate in Iowa's RTTT program.



## About the Regional Informational Events

- Nine regional informational events will be held to share Iowa's plan to meet the RTTT application criteria, review the MOU, and answer questions. These constitute the final opportunity to inform local school district decisions on RTTT participation.
- Each event will consist of two meetings: a technical assistance meeting for superintendents from 4:30-5:45 p.m., and a joint meeting for superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers' association presidents from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- District teams (superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers' association presidents) who cannot travel to the sites may take part over the ICN. Each event will include an origination site and two or three satellite ICN rooms in each region.
- Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers' association presidents may attend at any location that is convenient. We suggest that you coordinate within your district to attend at the same site, as there will be time during the 6:00-8:00 p.m. meeting to have discussions among your local representatives.
- The events are scheduled to be completed before the deadline for submitting Memorandums of Understanding, which is **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2010**. *Given the rapid timeline, school boards and teacher associations may need to schedule special meetings after the regional events to determine whether or not to participate in this grant opportunity.*

## Schedule

- Each regional informational event includes technical assistance sessions for superintendents and joint meetings for superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers' association presidents.
- You may attend at the origination site or a satellite site, whichever is most convenient for your district team. Check back on the Iowa Department of Education website ([www.iowa.gov/educate](http://www.iowa.gov/educate)) for more details.

Date	Times and Events	AEA	Origination Site	Satellite Sites
<b>Monday, January 4, 2010</b>	<b>4:30-5:45 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting  <b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents	Great Prairie AEA	Great Prairie Area Education Agency - 1 2814 N Court Street OTTUMWA	Great Prairie Area Education Agency Regional Office 3601 West Avenue BURLINGTON  Fairfield High School 605 E Broadway Room 16 FAIRFIELD
<b>Monday, January 4, 2010</b>	<b>4:30-5:45 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting  <b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents	Keystone AEA 1	AEA 1 Keystone 1400 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NW ELKADER	Oelwein Middle School 300 12th Ave. SE Room 27 OELWEIN  Keystone Area Education Agency 1 - Dubuque 2310 Chaney Rd. DUBUQUE  Decorah High School 100 EAST Claiborne Dr. DECORAH
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				Center 200 West St. WILLIAMSBURG  Prairie High School 401 76 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW Room F203 CEDAR RAPIDS
<b>Wednesday January 6, 2010</b>	<b>4:30-5:45 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting  <b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents	Heartland AEA 11	Johnston IPTV Iowa Public Television 6450 Corporate Dr. McElroy Room JOHNSTON	Ames High School 20th AND Ridgewood AMES  DMACC - Carroll Campus 906 North Grant Rd. Room 144 CARROLL  DMACC - Newton Campus - 1 600 North 2nd Ave. W Room 128 NEWTON
	<b>4:30-5:45 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting  <b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents	Mississippi Bend AEA 9	Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency 9 729 21 <sup>ST</sup> St. BETTENDORF	Muscatine Community College 152 Colorado Street Room 60 Larson Hall MUSCATINE  Durant High School 408 7 <sup>th</sup> St. DURANT
	<b>4:30-5:45 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting	Prairie Lakes AEA	Iowa Central Community College 1 Triton Circle	Iowa Lakes Community College 1900 N. Grand Ave.

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	<b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents		Room 206 Library Building FORT DODGE	Room 118 SPENCER  AEA 8 Prairie Lakes AEA 500 NE 6th St. POCAHONTAS
<b>Thursday January 7, 2010</b>	<b>12:00-1:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting—TO BE HELD IN LEMARS AFTER THE AEA SUPERINTENDENT MEETING  <b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents	Northwest AEA	Northwest Area Education Agency 1520 Morningside Ave. SIOUX CITY	Le Mars Community High School 921 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW Room 128 LE MARS  Western Iowa Tech Community College - 1 11 North 35th Street Room B - 6 DENISON
	<b>4:30-5:45 p.m.</b> —Superintendent technical assistance meeting  <b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> —Superintendents, school board presidents, and teachers’ association presidents	AEA 13/14	Southwestern Community College - 1 2300 North 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Room 116 Red Oak Center RED OAK	Iowa Western Community College - 1 2700 College Road Room 024 Looft Hall COUNCIL BLUFFS  Creston High School 601 West Townline Road Room 404 CRESTON  Southwestern Community College - 1 Osceola Center Highway 34 West Room 102 OSCEOLA

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